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SUBJ: ARAFAT AGAIN ASKS SADAT TO INTERVENE IN LEBANON

1. CAIRO PRESS JULY 10 FEATURES ANOTHER URGENT CABLE FROM ARAFAT TO SADAT APPEALING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO END FIGHTING IN LEBANON "BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE". ARAFAT REPORTEDLY AGAIN CHARGED DEEP SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT WITH "ISOLATIONST" (I.E., CHRISTIAN) ELEMENTS IN PLOT AGAINST PALESTINAINANS AND AGAINST ARAB UNITY. SYRIAN SHELLING, ACCORDING TO ARAFAT, IS NOW DIRECTED AT SIDON, ZAHRAN REFINERY, AIN HILWA CAMP, AS WELL AS TAL ZA'TAR. SYRIAN MILITARY ACTION PROVES SYRIAN PARTICIPATION IN PLOT AGAINST PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION.

2. PAPERS CONTAIN REPORTS OF SYRIAN AND CHRISTIAN MILITARY
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MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT LEBANON: SYRIAN TROOPS ADVANCING NORTH TOWARD

TRIPOLI, CHRISITAN SIEGE FORCE IN SOUTHEAST BEIRUT DOUBLING TO 6000 MEN, SYRIAN ARMORED COLUMN ADVANCING FROM NORTHERN AKKAR SOUTH TOWARD TRIPOLI, AND CHRISTIAN FORCES FIGHTING NORTH OUT OF KURA.

3. EDITORIALS FASTEN ON CHAMOUN, "WHO HAS BEEN OSTRACIZED BY THE ARAB NATION EVER SINCE HE INVITED THE AMERICANS TO OCCUPY LEBANON (I.E., IN 1958) AND WHOSE HEART IS FILLED WITH HATE FOR EVERY ARAB, WHETHER LEBANESE OR PALESTIANIAN", (AKHBAR). CHAMOUN, ACCORDING TO GEMAYEL, "ONE OF HIS PARTNERS" IN THE PLOT TO PARTITION LEBANON, HAS APPROVED ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS AND HAS AGREED THAT ISRAEL SUPPLY HIS FORCES WITH ARMS (GUMHURIYYA).

4. THERE IS STILL NO FIRM WORD ON WHICH FONMINS WILL TURN UP JULY 12 FOR ARAB LEAGUE CONCIL MEETING ON LEBANON. ARAFAT IS NOW CALLING FOR SUMMIT, INSTEAD OF FONMINS MEETING.

5. COMMENT: WIDE SPREAD BELIEF IN EGYPT THAT USG AT LEAST TACITLY APPROVED RIGHT WING INTRANSIGENCE SEEMS NOW TO HAVE DEVELOPED INTO BELIEF THAT US ALSO ENCOURAGING CHAMOUNISTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR PUTATIVE PARTITION PLANS, DEALING HARSHLY WITH PLO IN THE INTERIM. THIS CHARGE WAS LAUNCHED AT EMBOFF EVENING JULY 9 BY MFA UNDERSECRETARY, FAHMY AIDE, DEAN OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY, AND EGYPTIAN PROFESSOR ON LOS DEL. EMBOFF STRONGLY DEMURRED , RECALLING REPEATED USG ENDORSEMENTS OF LEBANESE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND CALLS FOR AN END TO THE FIGHTING. EILTS

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